

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
CITY OF STAMFORD
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2014
REGULAR MEETING**

Members Present:

Gary H. Stone, Chairman
Louis P. Levine, Member
Richard Rosenfeld, Esq., Member
Bradford Spaulding, Alternate Member

Members Not Present:

Dr. Leigh Shemitz, Member
Stephen Wayne, Member
Nathanial Bowler, Alternate Member

Staff Present:

Richard H. Talamelli, Environmental Planner
Pam Fausty, Environmental Analyst

The Regular Meeting, which was called to order by Chairman Stone at 7:30 PM, was held in the Cafeteria, 4th Floor, Stamford, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut, 06904-2152. The meeting was both audio and video recorded.

MINUTES

Minutes of the November 20, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Environmental Protection Board:

The Board considered the minutes of the EPB's November, 20, 2014 Regular Meeting. No changes or alterations were recommended/discussed. Accordingly, upon a motion by Mr. Levine, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the November 20, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented.

In Favor:	Stone, Levine, Rosenfeld, and Spaulding
Opposed:	None
Abstaining:	None
Not Voting:	None

APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS

#1426 - Gutzon Borglum Road – NA - M. Poulter: To widen and implement certain improvements to a private roadway proximate to wetlands and watercourses and within the base floodplain of the Rippowam River/Haviland Brook. The project area lies in and about Gutzon Borglum Road, just north of its intersection with Wire Mill Road.

Reference is made to an EPB Agenda Summary Report Memo, dated December 12, 2014.

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In Attendance: B. Smith, P.E., Rocco V. D'Andrea, Inc.

Discussion: Staff Member Talamelli summarized the application for the Board. He stated that the project provides for the widening and improvement of a private roadway known as Gutzon Borglum Road. The activities are necessary to address certain minimum accessway requirements outlined under Planning Board (Subdivision) No. 4013.

Mr. Talamelli noted that the improvements affect approximately 380 linear feet of the road surface from Wire Mill Road northward, and includes provisions for the removal of the existing road surface, establishment of suitable base material, regrading to create an appropriate cross slope, creation of a vegetated drainage swale, addition of service conduit, repaving of a minimum eighteen (18) foot wide travelway, and other related improvements. Issues pertinent to the review of this application include general resource protection, water quality, drainage impact, hydraulic impact, compensatory flood storage, and flood protection.

Mr. Talamelli reported that the project shall affect approximately 9,100 square feet of floodplain and 100 square feet of the non-watershed upland review area. There are no direct wetland encroachments proposed. Grade change is minimal and no significant individual or groups of trees shall be impacted. A drainage assessment/analysis submitted during the subdivision review showed that the drainage improvements proposed for the subdivision reduced peak flows at Point of Concern "A" (Haviland Brook) for the 1, 2, 5 and 10-year design storms. Accordingly, the engineer has concluded that the project would not have any adverse impact on local drainage or adjacent properties. Although approximately 200 linear feet of the road project falls within the floodplain, grades shall mimic the existing. Accordingly, the engineer has concluded that there will be no loss of flood storage, and no increase in the predicted river heights for all storms up to and including the 100-year storm. Water quality concerns have been addressed with the submission of a temporary/permanent erosion control plan, and the creation of a vegetated drainage swale along the east side of the improved roadway to intercept, treat, and better convey storm water. He noted that a water quality benefit is achieved by discharging the storm water through the vegetated swale allowing for the trapping of solids, infiltration, and thermal cooling. A planting plan consisting of numerous conservation-valued trees, shrubs and groundcovers has been proposed for the swale. Finally, Mr. Talamelli noted that the applicant has provided for the installation of roadway conduit in advance of paving. In areas affected by the floodplain, the facilities have been designed to withstand the flood depths, pressures, velocities, impact and uplift forces and other factors associated with the base flood.

Bryan Smith, P.E., Rocco V. D'Andrea, Inc., acknowledged the receipt of the Agenda Summary Report, and stated that he offered no objection to any of the findings or conditions described therein.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Mr. Levine, the Board voted to **APPROVE** EPB Permit Application No. 1426 with the conditions outlined in the Agenda Summary Report, dated December 12, 2014.

In Favor: Stone, Levine, Rosenfeld, and Spaulding
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None

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Not Voting: None

#1427 – 255 West Lane – Lot 19 – T. and J. Daniel: To maintain pool fencing and propane tank, construct an improved pad for existing pool equipment, and restore and/or enhance areas in and proximate to wetlands and watercourses situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of Toilsome Brook. The property lies along the south side of West Lane, approximately 250 feet north and east of Toilsome Brook Road, and is identified as Lot 109, List 002-3668, Map 104, Block 216, Card N-015, Zone R-20, and ± 1.0086 Acres,

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated December 12, 2014.

#1428 – 346 Thornridge Drive – Lot 1C – J. Lyman for LFRET, LLC: To reconstruct a free standing garage in and proximate to wetlands and a designated open space preserve/conservation easement situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of Springdale Brook. The property lies along the west side of Thornridge Drive (eastern leg), approximately 415 feet south of Davenport Ridge Road, and is identified as Lot 1C, List 004-2489, Map 53, Block 382, Card E-018A, Zone RA-1, and ± 1.11 Acres.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated December 12, 2014.

#1429 - 1620 Washington Boulevard - Lot A - City of Stamford, Engineering Bureau - Woodside Firehouse Generator: To construct an emergency generator, platform and other related facilities within the base floodplain of the Rippowam River and proximate to wetlands and watercourses (non-drinking water supply watershed) The property lies along the west side of Washington Boulevard, approximately 550 feet North of Linden Place, and is identified as Lot A, List 002-6543, Card W-078, Map 115, Block 242, Zone R-MF, and ± 0.406 Acres.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated December 16, 2014.

#1430 – Chestnut Hill Road – Lot 1 - City of Stamford, Engineering Bureau – Chestnut Hill Park Drainage Improvement: To construct storm drainage in and proximate to wetlands and watercourses situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of Haviland Brook. The property lies along the south side of Chestnut Hill Road, approximately 350 feet east of Webbs Hill Road, and is identified as Lot 1, List 002-5896, Card S-003, Map 50, Block 377, Zone P, and ± 6.6 Acres.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated December 16, 2014.

In Attendance: None

Discussion: Mr. Stone acknowledged the receipt of the minimum information necessary to initiate the permit application review process for EPB Permit Applications No. 1427, 1428, 1429 and 1430.

Motion/Vote: Upon a Motion by Mr. Levine, the Board voted to **ACCEPT** EPB Permit Application No. 1427, 1428, 1429 and 1430.

In Favor: Stone, Levine, Rosenfeld, and Spaulding
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None

Not Voting: None

SITE PLAN REVIEWS:

SUBDIVISION REVIEWS:

ENFORCEMENT – STATUS REPORTS AND SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

#2849 – Old Well Road/Eden Road – Lot 12 – D. Bosak and N. Ward: To construct a new single family residence with associated driveway, patio, stone walls, stormwater detention, and associated grading within and proximate to a designated conservation area, and proximate to designated wetland areas on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of Springdale Brook. The property lies along the east side of Old Well Road, approximately 525 feet south of Eden Road and is identified as Lot 12, List 001-7999, Card E-003, Block 380, Zone RA-1, and $\pm 45,722$ sq/ft.

#2850 – Old Well Road/Eden Road – Lot 12A – D. Bosak and N. Ward: To construct a new single family residence with associated driveway, patio, stone walls, and associated grading within and proximate to designated wetland areas and proximate to a designated conservation area on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of Springdale Brook. The property lies along the east side of Old Well Road, approximately 400 feet south of Eden Road and is identified as Lot 12A, List 004-4298, Card E-002A, Block 380, Zone RA-1, and $\pm 43,592$ sq/ft.

#2851 – Old Well Road/Eden Road – Lot 13 – D. Bosak and N. Ward: To construct a new single family residence with associated driveway, patio, stone walls, stormwater detention, and associated grading within and proximate to designated wetland areas and proximate to a designated conservation area on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of Springdale Brook. The property lies along the east side of Old Well Road, approximately 250 feet south of Eden Road and is identified as Lot 13, List 000-1936, Card E-002, Block 380, Zone RA-1, and $\pm 43,991$ sq/ft.

Reference is made to and EPB Staff Memo, dated December 10, 2014 as to all three (3) applications.

In Attendance: None

Discussion: Mr. Stone acknowledged the receipt of correspondence from Teodoro Milone, P.E., Redniss and Mead (November 19, 2014) requesting the extension of the permits. In response to questioning by the Chair, Mr. Talamelli noted that there were no reported violations on the property, that the permit was legally issued, and that conditions have not changed as to warrant a reevaluation. Accordingly, Staff recommended that the Board approve this extension requests for a period of one (1) year until January 29, 2016.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Mr. Levine, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the extension of EPB Permit No. 2849, 2850 and 2851 for a period of one (1) year until January 29, 2016.

In Favor: Stone, Levine, Rosenfeld, and Spaulding
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None

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Not Voting: None

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2014.

There being no further business, the Board, upon a Motion by Mr. Levine voted to **ADJOURN** the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2014.

In Favor: Stone, Levine, Rosenfeld, and Spaulding
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Gary H. Stone, Chairman
Environmental Protection Board

Meeting Minutes Assembled from Notes Prepared By Richard Talamelli, Environmental Planner

12/28/14: 1:45-4:05PM
12/29/14: 6:15-7:00AM